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## Office of the State Auditor Releases Upgraded Transparent Utah Website

New Transparent Utah Site Makes State and Local Government Financial Data Readily Available with Quick, Convenient Searches

## Salt Lake City, UTAH -

The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today announces the upgrade of the new Transparent Utah website. This new financial transparency site is extremely responsive with easy access to powerful searches, charts, graphs, and detailed transaction browsing.

<u>Transparent.utah.gov</u> provides up front access to both employee compensation and vendor pay information as well as one-click access to the lists of top-paid employees and highest-paid vendors – easily customizable for both state and local government entities. Data is provided in easy to digest graphs and charts, and selected data can also be downloaded for local use and analysis.

Transparent Utah is one of the few transparency websites that provides a one-stop-shop for both state and local government financial information.

State Auditor John Dougall has envisioned this version of Transparent Utah for several years and said, "This new Transparent Utah website delivers powerful insights about both state and local government financial data in a single, integrated interface. Popular searches are convenient and easier than ever."

The Office assumed responsibility for Transparent Utah in April 2019.

The updates and interactive features are found at transparent.utah.gov.

The news release and related information are found at auditor.utah.gov.

## **About the Office of the State Auditor**

The Office of the State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.

Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud and compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

The Office also provides interactive graphical tools to help taxpayers and policymakers gain greater insight into governmental financial activities.

The State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the State of Utah, elected directly by the state's citizens every 4 years. The role of the Utah State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution. For more information, see <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>.

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